



Toronto Marlies vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, January 11, 2019 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 567

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (22-12-2-0) are back on home ice tonight for the first half of a home-and-home set with the defending Calder Cup champion Toronto Marlies (18-14-3-2) at The Blue Cross Arena. Game time for the North Division contest is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester. The matchup can also be viewed on AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks came up on the short-end of a 2-1 setback against the Laval Rocket Saturday in the second game of a back-to-back set between the North Division rivals at Place Bell. Dating back to last season, the one-goal outcome was the fourth straight game that has been decided by a single margin.
- Despite suffering just its fourth regulation loss on the road this season, which are tied for fewest in the AHL, Rochester maintains a two-point lead atop the AHL's North Division standings and have won four of its last six games coming into this weekend's slate.
- Defenseman **Zach Redmond**, who was one of two Rochester defensemen named to the North Division All-Star roster last week, scored his team-leading 16th goal of season during the first period while goaltender **Adam Wilcox** stopped 13 of the 15 shots he faced but was given the loss. The netminder shows a 7-5-1 record in 15 appearances this season. Rochester also suffered just its third loss in the last 11 meetings with Laval dating back to the 2017-18 season and have gone 5-1-0-0 in its six games inside Place Bell.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Following a quick turnaround, the Amerks and Marlies face-off for the second time in less than 24 hours as the home-and-home series shifts north of the border to Coca-Cola Coliseum on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 4:00 p.m. All of the action will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

REDMOND INCHING CLOSER TO HISTORY

- With 16 goals through 36 games this season, **Zach Redmond** is on a record-setting pace to permanently etch his name in team and league history. Earlier this season, he became the fastest Amerks defenseman to score 10 goals in the fewest amount of games to begin the season since Amerks Hall of Famer **Don McSween** reached the mark in his first 21 games during the 1989-90 campaign. McSween would later go on to become the top scoring defenseman in franchise history. Redmond, who last season became just the first Amerk blueliner in seven years to lead the team in scoring, recently established a new career-high of 16 and needs only two more goals to tie the single-season franchise record for the most by a defenseman of 18, set by **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 season.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
132-117



18-14-3-2 (41 points)

22-12-2-0 (46 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	36	16	14	30	22	4
Victor Olofsson	33	10	20	30	8	3
C.J. Smith*	33	13	16	29	10	8

*Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	22	13-6-1	1,206	589	.913	2.79
Adam Wilcox	15	7-5-1	814:43	346	.899	2.87
Jonas Johansson	3	2-1-0	141:33	57	.891	2.97

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 12	@ Toronto	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	@ W-B/Scranton	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 19	@ Lehigh Valley	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 5	Laval	L 2-1	29-15	1-5	2-2
Jan. 4	Laval	SOW 3-2	35-24	1-2	2-3
Jan. 2	Bridgeport	SOW 5-4	30-26	0-4	3-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	12-8-0-0	65	60	24
AWAY	10-4-2-0	52	45	22
TOTALS	22-12-2-0	117	105	46

MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Mueller	35	19	20	39	16	5
Jeremy Bracco	36	7	29	36	8	4
Sam Gagner	30	9	20	29	6	-4

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Eamon McAdam	16	8-4-3	902:36	366	.893	2.92
Kasimir Kaskisuo	14	5-6-3	748:18	312	.867	3.85



BACK ON TOP

• Thanks to six assists over his last six games, **Victor Olofsson** has a share of the team's scoring lead along with Redmond to begin the New Year. A year after pacing the SHL with 27 goals, Olofsson has been nearly a point-per-game player for Rochester, leading the team with 20 assists and 30 points through his first 33 games of the campaign. He's currently tied for 20th in the AHL in assists, while his 10 goals are fifth-most among all Rochester skaters. He also ranks fifth in the league with 13 power-play assists.

AMERKS GET TWO-TIME STANLEY CUP-WINNER FROM BUFFALO

• Just days after being reassigned from the parent Buffalo Sabres, veteran forward **Scott Wilson** can potentially make his season debut tonight. Wilson has yet to play a game this season after sustaining an injury in training camp four days prior to Buffalo's regular-season opener. With the addition of Wilson, Rochester's current lineup now features two Stanley Cup-winners in he and captain **Kevin Porter**.

RED HOT 'REDS'

• Redmond has scored a team and career-high 16 goals this season, including eight on the power-play, good enough for fifth in the league in that category. Redmond, who had an AHL-best nine-game point streak to end the month of October, enters the weekend tied for 11th in the league in goals and ranks second amongst all active AHL defensemen with 30 points, while his seven game-winning goals are tops in the AHL. His 16 goals are also the most by an AHL blueliner, with the next closest being Hartford's John Gilmour (10).

IRON MAN SIMPSON

• **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 223. Prior to joining the Amerks, the Boxborough, Mass., native appeared in all 76 regular-season games with the Hershey Bears and Providence Bruins over each of the last two seasons, in addition to 35 straight appearances for the Portland Pirates dating back to the 2015-16 campaign.

BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

• **Scott Wedgewood** has gotten the nod in seven of the last 10 games for the Amerks, going 5-2-0 over that span, which includes a four-game win streak. After dropping his first two games of the season, the sixth-year netminder won a season-long five straight to close out the month of October, matching the career-best mark he set while backstopping the Albany Devils during the 2015-16 season. He enters the weekend tied for third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (3) and fourth in wins (13). Wedgewood's 22 appearances this season are ninth-most in the league while his 1,206 minutes are also ninth. Wedgewood is also one shutout away from tying a career-best from 2013-14.

SCOUTING THE MARLIES

• Toronto, which has four wins in its last five games, enter tonight's game fourth in the AHL's North Division with 41 points this season.

AMERKS-MARLIES 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Danny O'Regan	2	3	1	4	2	3
Zach Redmond	2	1	2	3	0	3
Victor Olofsson	2	0	3	3	2	3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	2	2-0-0	125:00	5	.936	2.40

TORONTO

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sam Gagner	2	1	2	3	2	0
Dmytro Timashov	2	1	2	3	0	-1
Michael Carcone	4	2	0	2	12	-3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Jeff Glass	1	0-0-1	63:51	4	.900	3.76
Eamon McAdam	1	0-1-0	59:24	5	.815	5.05

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 19	SOW	5-4	41-42	0-4	2-4
Dec. 28	W	5-1	27-36	2-5	7-8
Jan. 11					
Jan. 12					
Mar. 23					
Mar. 24					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. TORONTO: 46-67-4

SERIES NOTABLES

- In 11 of the last 14 meetings dating back to the 2016-17 season, the team that scored first has gone on to come away with the victory.
- The two teams have combined to go just 8-for-65 in the previous nine games while on the power-play. Conversely, the Amerks' penalty kill has successfully killed off 32 of the 36 penalties against the Marlies dating back to last season.
- After dropping three straight games against the Marlies, the Amerks have come away with the victory in each of the last five meetings in the head-to-head series, while outscoring Toronto 27-15 over that span.
- Amerks forward **Danny O'Regan** leads all scorers with three goals and four points in two games.